Validictory Lecture for 1801
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For an introductory lecture in
1804.

~~Gentlemen~~. Dear Gent^n: we close ~~the~~ labors of the Season. ~~Except of~~ my thanks for ~~the honor you have done me by~~ your ~~patient~~ patient-punctual & respectful attendance upon my lectures. Permit me ~~at the same time to~~ before we part express my ~~gratitude to you for the honor~~ you have done me by your patient-punctual & respectful ~~lectures~~ attendance upon ~~those~~ my lectures ~~by~~ to communicate to you a few observations

+ of being interested to you, more especially to ~~those~~ each of you as purpose to settle in life as soon as you return from the University.

Here gentlemen we close our labors for the present season. Permit me before we part to communicate to you a few Observations ~~The Subject of our present~~ lecture is an interesting One. It is the ~~Object to which all your Studies, and labors should be directed~~ upon the means of acquiring business in the profession of medicine, and the causes of the loss of it. This subject cannot fail

Under the first head I shall mention

1 such means of acquiring business as are honourable.

2 such as are artificial, & accidental, &

3 such as are dishonourable.

Under the second head, I shall mention

1 the causes of the loss of business which are just.

2 such as are unjust.

v man ~~to~~ depressed in his condition in life, that has not a friend or relation ~~who~~ of more influence in society than himself, to whom his recommendation of a physician often proves of the most essential service. Boerhaave, Sydenham, Fothergill & Cullen all owed their elevation to business & fame ~~by~~ to ~~means of~~ the praises & prayers of the poor.

+ I have heard a remarkable instance of the good effects of ~~ordinary~~ neatness & ~~elegance~~ taste in dress in a physician in a neighb^d state in introducing him into business. He ascribed his success in his profession wholly to it. ~~for before~~

‡ Linnaeus tho' got into business by the ~~pain~~ cure of a Cough. See Extracts from his life.

Dr Darwin by curing a Mr Page ~~in~~ ~~a~~ neighbouring's life.

I The honourable methods of acquiring business are

1 great application to study & business.

2 great regularity, and punctuality in visiting patients.

3 Liberal manners, consisting in speaking with civility, & listning with attention to every body.

4 Sympathy with the Sick.

5 Attendance upon the poor. There is no

6 a regard to decency in dress. +

7 a respect for morals, & religion. ‡

8 Cures performed of difficult diseases. In this way many young physicians have suddenly risen into extensive business at the expense of old ones, more especially if those cures have been performed by simple remedies. ‡

9 Writing, & publishing a popular, or

Lapt: summary.

useful book. ~~The~~ foundation of the business of Dr Lettsgill was ~~founded in~~ laid in part upon the fame he acquired by his treatise upon the Ulcerous sore throat. ~~a new theory of the Scurvy by Dr Milman Dr Milman has lately issued~~ ~~has suddenly introduced him into extensive business in London~~. Dr Clephorn owed his sudden ~~issue~~ reputation in Dublin to his history of the diseases of Minorca, and a new theory of the Scurvy ~~has lately~~ introduced ~~Dr~~ his pran: Milman into ~~the~~ extensive business in the city of London.

II the artificial, & accidental means of acquiring business are,

1 The patronage of a great ~~personage~~ man, or a fashionable lady, or of ~~few~~ several powerful families,

4 such negative qualities as to become the favorite of all Brother practitioners, & to be opposed by them to men whose characters are a reproach to their indolence or ignorance. These are such men in politics. They stand in body; way. ~~Their~~ Their talents are unknown no envy - like copper - unite with every principle & mode of practice. They are stop gaps in consultations. such men in all lines &c.

5 ~~th~~ A solemn, slow, or pompous manner of walking, speaking ~~&c~~ ~~laconic speeches~~ - ~~or~~ on ~~speaking or conversation a rude~~ ~~and disgusting~~ uncommon taciturnity.

6 Introducing ~~p~~ pomposity in small spot in 1769, myself. -

Having no will of my own as Belvilles with - opposing every thing, & having an excessive will - as Dr Red: - Strange that opposite lines of conduct shd produce the same effect. -

7 never sending ~~in~~ a bill - ~~&c~~ Dr Belville's practice. & charging low -

2 The patronage of a political party. Dr Hutchinson.

3 The patronage of a religious society. Dr Mead owed his introduction into business to the influence of a dissenting Congregation in London of which his father was minister. ~~It is said~~ his Northamptonshire letters tells us he made it a practice ~~to pray for~~ when his son was called out of Church, always to pray publicly for the recovery of the patient he was called to visit.

V ~~6 The~~ affectation in dress, ~~was and~~ manners, ~~diet~~ diet, or manner of travelling. I ~~was~~ knew a physician during the late war who ~~eat~~ ate no meat. This singularity ~~attracted~~ attracted attention, & begat him a great deal of business. His name was Wallis. He ~~has~~ was distinguished from

O belief in of having a numerous or wealthy circle of patients by appearing to be always in a hurry, or by ordering a servant to remain with a carriage before the doors of persons of distinction, who are not sick. This introd. Dr Lettsom into business.

V Art once introduced a physician into business in this city. He was once followed for several hours by a gentleman who suspected ~~that~~ the design of his frequent walks. after walking for several hours up and down different Streets & Alleys he was observed by a gentleman who followed & watched him, to return to his own house, without stopping at a single door in his long protracted, and circuitous ~~walk~~ rout.

‡ not offend by mentioning this names.

Infidelity or Atheism. ~~a physician who~~ The Both ~~those~~

a physician of the same name in the Army by the name of Vegetable Wallis. also eating no butter - nor bread - Russic people - like the Travels of Jemals movements - only owing to Avarice. There was a physician in a neighbouring the State of Delaware a Dr Watson New Castle County who visited his patients on foot, at many miles distance. This peculiarity soon introduced him into extensive business. Dr Radcliff of London, & Dr Pitcairn of Edin. owed much of their business to the eccentricity of their manners.

5 Boasting of the number or rank of patients in all Companies, or creating a

5 Profane Swearing. This Vice must be practised so as to excite horror, in order to command business. It has succeeded in several persons in this County, whose posterity I will

7 attending Card and tea parties.

8 walking, or riding without any definite Object, and particularly in rainy or stormy weather. This

9 accidental Cures, particularly of Worms.

obliquities
Diseases
~~Dis~~ of the mind, are supposed to
indicate ~~bold maps of an~~ a spirit of free inquiry,
sometimes
and are ~~often~~ connected in the public
mind, with deep researches, and great
skill in medicine. Even brutal manness.
Damn you sir - when send for me - and for
11 V professions of interest in med.
12 - Lect. on Jurisp. in medicine. No 5.
13. No 6. D your Coffin maker. - 16 great
14 No 7 professions of piety. such as praying over
medicines. Dr Benneville.
D 15 Extolling nature & doing nothing.
D 16 Extolling veget. & simple med. & denouncing
metallic & powerful Remedies.
a Diploma bought
D 17 complaining of the Uncertainty of medicine,
18 Bring a Jon -
the thunder, or 3 by a significant silence when
his medical character in the subject of Conver-
-sation. 4 by attacking the character & principles
of a popular physician. as Brown versus
Cullen - Barnwell - &c -

to an opinion accidentally true, of the cause of a disease. A physician in England was once called to see a Lady in an Erisipelas, which extended all over her face. As he entered her door, he discovered the Shell of a Cashew Nut. ~~at upon opening~~ as soon as he saw his patient, he pronounced it to be a Astaneous poison from that West India ~~food~~ fruit. This opinion accorded at once with his patients idea of the cause of her disease, and ~~from be-~~ ~~ca~~ became the means of ~~introducing~~ establishing him in his profession ~~into extensive business~~. V

III The dishonourable methods of acquiring business are ~~trading on~~

1 trading the practice of Brother physicians. This is done in 3 ways. ~~a significant~~ 1 by open Slander. 2 By a Sharp of the

4 Flattering the ~~prejudices and pride, and~~ prejudices of the inhabitants of cities & countries, by propagating a belief that ~~pestilential dis~~ all the diseases of a loathsome or pestilential nature ~~that~~ which prevail ~~in~~ their, are of foreign origin.

5 Unnecessary attentions & questions & visits tasting urine - handling stools - & even getting into bed with patients. —

6 Trifling and absurd refinements in ~~prescrip-tions~~ medicines & diet prescriptions, as to their dose, manner of preparation, and time of exhibition. This form of imposture is happily exposed ~~in a p~~ by Dr Moore, & in Dr Adair's Acc^t of Lady Doctors.

8 Speaking with ~~affected diffidence~~ scepticism of the usefulness of medicine, and with contempt of its certainty. & we let on imposture

9 Ignorance of every thing but medicine, & is to be a "wise physician".

10 an exclusive reliance or defence of what are called simple medicines, by which is meant

2 Traducing or opposing new remedies.

I know a man who has a business in this city by abusing the lancet.

3 Taking undue advantages of Brother physicians in Consultations, by extraordinary degrees of ~~Sympathy, or~~ Attention to their patients. ~~to their~~

4 Dividing the profits of practice with Apothecaries. This is sometimes done in the great cities of Europe, where we are told the practice of physic is divided between apothecaries and physicians.

5 Publishing an account of cases that have never existed, and of Cures that have never been performed. —

9 ~~Humphrey~~ Charges so low, as to ~~allure~~ allure patients from their old & ~~settled~~ habitual physicians. —

10 Never sending in a bill till after death. Dr Currie & Belville's Method. —

field or Garden herbs. II Reliance upon the powers
~~2 Ignorance of~~ of nature & extolling them — ~~they~~
The resemblance of fools in medicine & Religion very striking
ours ~~exts~~ extols the light, the other the Religion of nature,
— both vanerabilities — & when useful the former from
art as much as the latter from the ~~inflated~~ rays of Reve-
= lation.

V A fondness for pleasure, manifested by con-
= stant, ~~attendance~~ frequenting ~~the~~ clubs, the Theatre, Cock
pits, the turf — ~~and the~~ and other places of
public amusement, ~~has often destroyed the~~
~~reputa~~
~~and business of a physician.~~

witnessing disorder in a Dr's Shop — as
Mr Gassiques & poor Dr Hall.

I come now to mention the causes of the loss of business. They are

I Just. These are

1 Ignorance ~~of the principles~~ in medicine, discovered ~~Sometimes~~ by an ignorance of other things ~~by discovering a Physician loses his business by discovering his ignorance of other things~~ with which he ought to be acquainted. One of the Physicians of a London hospital lost all his business by ~~phrase~~ misspelling the name of his ~~patients~~ disease ~~on~~ the board which was placed over his bed. ~~This~~ The case was a Fistula in Ano. ~~He spelled it with Phis~~ The Initial letters of the word were Ph: instead of an F.

2 negligence. ~~is a just cause of the loss of business~~. I confine ~~this~~ this vice in a physician to improper delays, and a want of

I know a physician in this city who lost the business of a large family by ~~reading~~ glancing his eye over a newspaper during the recital of a tedious describing history of a disease.

punctuality in attending upon sick people.

4 Inattention to the history of ~~long and tedious~~ ~~uninteresting~~ Cases, ~~has often lost a physician the business of a family~~ There is nothing a patient so deeply resents as this kind of treatment. ~~and~~ It is felt most sensibly by the hypocondriacal ~~diseases~~ patients.

5 A careless or superficial examination of a disease ~~has is a well grounded cause of the loss of business~~. I once knew a young physician dismissed from a family for feeling a pulse, ~~with his gloves~~ without taking off his glove. ~~Patients are likewise overcome~~ a neglect to ask questions ~~not~~ rendered important ~~in~~ by ~~long usage in the~~ long practice ~~of an interesting nature, has often~~ ~~off~~ ~~among physicians~~, has often created ~~an~~ suspicion of incapacity, or negligence ~~and~~ in a physician, & been the cause of the loss of his business.

now & then

V 9 There are ~~some~~ instances ~~of~~ ~~some~~ Physicians who have long maintained a respectable footing in their profession losing both character & business by ~~publishing a~~ weak or trifling publications in medicine.

of a harsh, and indelicate mode of beha-
-viour, consisting in short answers to
Questions, or improper rebukes for not
complying with ~~directs~~ prescriptions. ~~has~~
also harsh prognostic. Dr Radcliff to King Wm.
~~Often occasioned the loss of business to a~~
would not have his swelled legs for his 3 Kingdoms. Dr
~~worthy physician~~. Mine to Capt: Allibone.

of ~~A physician also~~ Refusing to go out at night, and desp-
-ising ~~pa~~ old and habitual patients du-
-ring the prevalence of a mortal Epidemic
~~has a just cause for the loss of~~
~~business.~~ —

of many physicians have lost their
business by high and extravagant charges.

V The
II ~~Unjust~~ causes of the loss of busi-
-ness are, Morally & Divine
efforts

1 The discovery & propagation of new
principles, or modes of practice in medicine.

+ The King of Britn after being cured of madness by Dr Willis by coercion obtained a promise from his family & ministry, never to employ him again, if he relapsed. He beat him for it.

3 an unpopular opinions respecting the origin of pestilential diseases. This, has only deprived physicians of their business in some instances, but compelled them to ~~seek~~ fly for safety ~~to their persons~~ to ~~Churches~~ the ~~refuge~~ sanctuary of a church. neglect to name a disease. & considering it as trifling. Renshaw's family.

4 ~~The unsuccessful use of a powerful remedy in the last stage of a disease~~. Bleeding, mercury, the warm Bath, and even Blisters ~~have often~~ when ~~used~~ prescribed unsuccessfully ~~in the last stage lost their character as medicines by patients of a disease, have often destroyed the reputation dying soon after the use of them, and with the business of~~ a physican ~~have often~~ destroyed ~~their business~~ in the last stage of a disease, by have been the unjust cause ~~of~~ of the loss of his reputation and business.

Dr Harvey lost all his business after ~~his~~ ~~dis~~ published his Acct. of the discovery of the circulation of the blood, and Dr Sydenham ~~to~~ was thrown into the back ground of this profession after he introduced ~~cooling~~ depleting remedies, and cool air in the case of fevers. ——

2 ~~Cures~~ However strange it may sound, great and unexpected cures of violent diseases, have often ~~injur~~ injured the business of a physician, inasmuch as they are ascribed, not to skill, but to the uncommon strength of a patient's constitution. ~~and It is im-possible for the public to judge~~ This is more certainly the case, where the remedies which have effected these cures, have been such as offer violence to the prejudices, or fears of the public. Their strength is made manifest by the cure. +

writing ~~poems~~ poetry - Armstrong & Akenside
hunt by it - Darwin not because ~~he~~
delayed his poems till his reputn. was fully
established, & then publish yielded to the advice of his friends.

Dr D: discovered incredulity to his patients
stories - cross examined ~~with~~ them -
got into business by curing Mrs Fagle on only
son - in Staffordshire - when given over by
his family Phys: Dr Wilks an old ~~man~~ Physician -
He was called "rash - experimental & theoretic" - he
threw of these charges as "the Lyon shakes
to air the ~~dew~~ dew drops of his mane."

5 unpopular Opinions in politicks & religion have often exposed Physicians to the loss of business & reputation. Dr Johnson ascribes the loss of his business by a phys: wholly to his changing his religion.

6 A neglect to enforce ~~the~~ payment ~~of~~ for a physicians services when ~~known~~ they are, has sometimes created such a painful sense of obligation in the minds of his patients, as to induce ~~them~~ ~~that they have~~ them to become his enemies upon the account of it, and ~~have frequently used~~ even to use this influence to detatch his other patients & strangers from him. This fact gives us a mere and ~~desponding~~ painful idea of human nature. ~~The~~ ~~loath of it is so~~ It will surprise ~~us~~ and disgust us the more, when I add, that a physician formerly of extensive business in this city ~~had a~~ who made it a practice to sue ~~all~~ his delinquent patients, never lost

apa

a patient ~~Dro~~
~~a patient~~ by it. Some of those who had left him upon receiving this bills, sent for him again as soon as the law had compelled them to pay them. —

[5] The sudden, or even gradual elevation of persons from a humble rank in life to affluence and independance, often ~~so~~ produces a change in their connections, in ~~particularly~~ more oftner than in and ~~among others~~ in their physicians.

~~I can look around~~ By a law in our natures, we view ~~with~~ reluctance or disgust ~~any~~ thing that reminds us of past evils. ~~The Jacob~~ This will not surprise us when we recollect how forcibly the presence of a physician is calculated to remind them of the wooden hut, or crowded, & filthy bed

VI

7 forming friendships with patients renders them more susceptible of offence from trifling & not injurious acts of negligence.

8 giving an unfavourable opinion of a disease, or alarming a patient even delicately.

Cap. Allibone & myself. Vertigo.

V and such are the contradictions ~~in~~ & humours in the human mind ~~with respect to~~ in its relations to physicians.

~~a principal~~ We learn! How slender the thread — on which our subsistence depends! — ~~to consume~~ & wisdome is equal to it.

how many do we learn of more Art, than Science are necessary do Nicholson's story for where one succeeds by honourable means 20 by such as are dishonourable, or accidental — for there are rich as well as poor Vulgar. love of health — Quels all capacities — proved by Perkins's points.

rooms in which the Physician first visited them. This disposition in new levies in such a fashion to dispose a Connection with an old physician is more certain, if unfortunately they have been at any time the Subjects of this physician's charities.

Such gentlemen is the nature of the profession you have chosen, ~~of the Creature man, with whom such are the Beings you are to be~~ the trade by which ~~you~~ will hold the means ~~of~~ your Subsistence in life. ~~So many of the evils which have been mentioned arise from the~~ difficulties much of the ~~inequality of~~ caprice, and injustice which ~~have~~ have been mentioned arise ~~Distribution of wealth & popular favor is expected, Arises~~ from ~~in medicine~~ ~~is owing to~~ the general ignorance which prevails even among

fashionable & learned people of our
science. By dispelling this ignorance,
we may ~~render~~ invite merit and press ~~and merit,~~
in our profession. Let it be your
business therefore to expose ~~the~~ the imposture,
~~the to~~ ~~to reject~~ the ~~cant & technical terms,~~
& to simplify & propagate the principles of medicine
by your conversation, by your practice,
and by appeals ~~to the~~ from the press, to the ~~common~~ reason
and interests of your fellow citizens.
~~To encourage~~ In this way, you will teach
them to discriminate between Art & Science,
~~between~~ ~~and to act accordingly,~~ and thus
prevent in a degree the influence of time & chance
~~upon~~ the characters & fortunes of physicians
Scient: Phys: last longest.
~~I commence~~ come now Gent.
to ~~only~~ discharge the only duty to you
which has not not been attended with

pleasure, since the commencement of our lectures, and that it is to bid you ~~fo~~ adieu. — The winter has been to me a laborious one, but ~~the~~ it has been rendered agreeable by the patient, punctual & respectful attention with which you have been pleased to honour the fruits of my labors. From your diligence and zeal with which you have prosecuted your studies during your attendance in our University, I can entertain no doubt of your future eminence, and usefulness in your profession. I part with you with great reluctance, — and I can truly say — ~~I was with this~~ ~~that~~ I entered that door this morning for the first time, since we met, ~~I entered that door this morning~~ with pain. When I reflect

~~that some of us as that this is probably the last time that many of us will meet again meet again, as~~ that in a ~~few~~ short time, distant states, ~~and the Delaware sound~~ ~~customers~~ will ~~divide us~~ separate most of us, never - never to meet again - I feel, more, than I am able to express. - I beg you would consider me in ~~every~~ whatever part of the World you may be fixed, as your Elder Brother in medicine. ~~with a heart overflowing with the most affectionate wishes for your happiness. I commend you to the protection of~~ Continue to command my services. - I commend you to the blessing of that Being in whose hands are the issues of all human pursuits, & thus bid you an affectionate Farewell!

Pairs of Senses. 1 of such as are common to all & 2 of such as arise from idiosyncracy.

Sight. 1 red. 2 a plain. 3 a drab Color. 4 angles 5 Uniformity 6 want of Do: – Deformity in face – gesture –

II Hearing. 1 certain Voices of man & beast – certain Noises – discord in music – bad reading – ventriloquy – confusion of Voices, or Sounds – Door on hinges – window Shutter – loud & convulsive laughter – affectation –

III Smell. see Richerand. cheese – a cat – onions – mint

iv Taste – see Do:

V Touch – a peach. a mouse –

various kinds of sympathy. Mrs Pilkington: old age

Johnson cold & hunger -

Howard — confinement & disease. Some - Orphans -

Bishop Gibson - Horses -

Some Anth: Benezet

Swift idiotism.

Slaves -

Hanway - prostitutes -

Gray's Stories

Mad: Union d'Puelos memoirs.